

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1,
with the following paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of copending application no. 09/248,016, filed
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel original claims 12 to 19 in the parent application.

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

21. (AMENDED) A golf ball preform manufactured by the method comprising:
compounding a batch of golf ball core stock in a mixer;
sheeting the batch of compounded golf ball core stock with a sheeter, the sheeter
including an extruder portion having at least one screw; and
shaping golf ball preforms from the sheeted batch of golf ball core stock.